Limited Permissible List on 22nd December, 1987. The item continues to be in the Limited Permissible List under the current Import and Export Policy.

(c) Keeping in view the indigenous capacity created the item was taken out from the Open General Licence List.

(d) and (e) Particulars of imports and exports are published in the 'Monthly Statistics of Foreign Trade of India' Volume I and II, copies of which are available in the Parliament library. Latest issue of the publication pertains to 1985-86.

(f) Information of this nature is not compiled.

(g) Does not arise.

Subarnarekha Inter-State Irrigation Project

2391. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the target date set for the completion of Subarnarekha inter-State irrigation project;

(b) the progress made in the completion of that project so far;

(c) the expected time of its completion; and

(d) the efforts made by the Central Government and the State Governments of Bihar, Orissa and West Bengal to complete the project at an early date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) The project is expected to be completed by 1997-98. The progress reported upto December, 1988 is 63 per cent on Chandil Dam, 22 per cent on Icha Dam 83 per cent on Kitanala Dam and ranging from 23 per cent to 73 per cent on other components of the project.

(d) World Bank assistance has been secured for the project.

Bilateral Trade

2392. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the quantum of bilateral trade in terms of money between India and the USSR, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, German Democratic Republic, Hungary and Poland during the last three years;

(b) whether some Socialist countries have felt that the shifting to convertible currency has been disadvantageous to them;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether more and more countries are showing interest in 'Rupee Trade'?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Bilateral trade between India and USSR, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, GDR, Hungary and Poland during the last three years in value terms was as follows according to statistics compiled by DGCI and S.

(Rs. in crores)

	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88 (P)
USSR	3683	2882	3250
Bulgaria	94	74	65
Czechoslovakia	145	134	171
GDR	181	177	201
Hungary	68	82	96
Poland	151	231	258

P-Provisional.